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FROM ALDRICH FOR LEGAL ADVISER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ICRC, PARM, VS, VN PFOR

SUBJECT: U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN SOUTH VIETNAM

1. I NOTICE FROM PRESS REPORTS THAT STATE AND DEFENSE PRESS SPOKESMEN HAVE STATED THAT PRESENCE OF ACTIVE DUTY USAF PERSONNEL IN SVN IS NOT, RPT NOT, VIOLATION OF 1973 PARIS AGREEMENTS. I FAIL TO UNDERSTAND BASIS FOR THAT ASSERTION, AND I AM SURPRISED THAT I WAS NOT CONSULTED BEFORE IT WAS ISSUED.

2. ARTICLE 7 OF THE AGREEMENT PROHIBITS THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES FROM ACCEPTING THE INTRODUCTION OF "TROOPS, MILITARY ADVISERS, AND MILITARY PERSONNEL" INTO SVN. THERE WAS AN UNDERSTOOD EXCEPTION FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF EMBASSY MARINE GUARDS AND MILITARY ATTACHE PERSONNEL, BUT OTHERWISE, ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED. I REMEMBER ADVISING THAT BRIEF VISITS OF AIRCREWS COULD BE DISREGARDED AS THE MINIMUS, BUT I CANNOT SEE HOW THAT CAN POSSIBLY JUSTIFY THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL, SUCH AS DESCRIBED IN THE PRESS REPORTS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.DALE

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